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The Chaves county Democratic convention that met in Roswell last Monday, endorsed C. R. Brice of Carlsbad, for representative in the 19th district. Owing to the fact that the democrats of Roosevelt and Eddy counties had already expressed in favor of Mr. Brice it seems reasonable to suppose that he will be the nominee of the party at Hagerman on Monday September 7. The Potter of the Roswell Register-Tribune might now revise his predictions regarding the legislative tickets, for it will be remembered that he had prophesied as freely on these matters as on the clerk, assessor and superintendent in the Eddy primaries. He freely predicted that Eddy county was to be left out of the legislature, but unless all signs fail we will be heard from in no uncertain way through the most astute lawyer in the territory a man who is fit for any office in the gift of the people, one who neither belongs to the cow man of the kaffir corner, a man who does things quietly and without bluster, who is tried and true and in no way an experiment as was Ellis four years ago.

One of the most ably edited papers from the Pacific to the Atlantic or, from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of New Mexico, is the Albuquerque Journal and it has at least 5,000 interested readers in New Mexico, each of whom have opened it up every morning for the past two weeks and scanned its editorial columns to learn who is on the republican ticket for delegate to congress from this territory, but without becoming any wiser for their trouble. It must be a very mysterious and peculiar condition that would cause as painful a silence, but it is to be hoped that the Journal editor will relieve his anxious readers and finally give the old "Bull" one of his old time "hints" to pull out for Pennsylvania and thereby create an interest in the editorial of the Journal.

The waste of irrigation water on the streets of Carlsbad is not only a waste of money, but makes driving almost impossible. The Current does not undertake to say who is responsible for this matter but does say that it would be better to cut out the water from the town entirely than to pay for any wasted. Taxes are high enough without making them higher by creating muddy streets so people cannot drive through the town.

Bryan Campaign Funds.

The national campaign is now in progress. On the third day of November next the voters will decide whether our next president shall be Bryan or Taft. The campaign for the presidency will be influential in determining the political complexion of the next congress. In the result of this campaign the people of New Mexico are vitally interested—in fact more interested than the citizens of any state. The welfare of the citizens of a territory will be affected to the same extent as that of the citizens of a state by the wise or unwise determination of all the issues in this campaign as set forth in the respective platforms of the two great political parties. In addition thereto the internal affairs of a territory are under the direct control of the national administration. The national congress has the power to and often does legislate directly concerning the local affairs of the territory. The president appoints one governor and secretary. The governor appoints the territorial treasurer, attorney general, auditor, coal oil inspector, insurance commissioner, penitentiary officials, members of the cattle and sheep sanitary boards, officers and members of the national police, the boards of control of all public institutions, all prosecuting attorneys and he influences in a great degree local legislation. The president also appoints the judges of our supreme and district courts and these judges appoint the court clerks, interpreters, stenographers and other court officials. They also appoint the land commissioners, referees and the jury commissioners who select all our juries. The president also appoints for the territory the federal officials which are common to the states, such as attorneys, marshals, postmasters and land office officials. The national forests consisting of more than seven millions acres, are controlled by the Interior Department and a small army of supervisors and range riders. The federal and territorial officials use their patronage for the maintenance of partisan newspapers. With all this power wielded by the party of special privilege it is not surprising that one territorial government is considered a business asset by party manipulators and controlled by an arrogant, defiant political trait. Under the domination of this trust our condition has become intolerable and adequate relief may only be expected by the election of a democratic president and a change in the national administration.

New Mexico wants statehood, home rule. It is asserted by many republicans and republican newspapers that New Mexico will be admitted to statehood at the next session of congress provided a republican party warrant such assertions? In 1892 the republican national platform contained a declaration in favor of statehood for New Mexico "at the earliest possible moment." In 1896 the platform declared for statehood "at the earliest practical date." In the republican platform of 1900 the declaration was for "early admission to statehood." In 1904 the republican platform was woefully silent upon this subject. We are told that at the recent republican convention in Chicago the committee on resolutions at first refused to insert any statement in favor of statehood for New Mexico and that the present plank in that platform was only inserted after much importunity by delegates from New Mexico to that convention and their assertion that without such a plank a republican delegate to congress from the Territory of New Mexico could not be elected. In 1899 Mr. Roosevelt, who was then governor of the state of New York, at the first Rough Riders' reunion held in Las Vegas, publicly declared himself in favor of statehood for New Mexico and promised to go to Washington and do all he could to bring about that result. Early in 1906 congress passed a bill providing a means whereby New Mexico and Arizona might be admitted as one state. Dur-

ing the campaign of that year the president was universally quoted as saying that, unless joint statehood were accepted neither of these territories would be admitted to statehood within a generation. Joint statehood was rejected and in his messages to congress since that time the president has not referred to the subject of statehood. The last session of congress was what is known as the long session and its duration was limited only by its own desires. It is well known that the principal occupation of this "do-nothing" "stand-pat" congress was "killing time" and the subject of statehood was not considered. The statehood plank in the republican platform recently adopted at Chicago declares without qualification for the immediate admission of New Mexico into the union as a state, but all the republican newspapers and party leaders in New Mexico qualify that statement in the republican platform by universally asserting and insisting that there is no hope for statehood unless we elect a republican delegate. For many years at each recurring election this same old campaign cry has been heard. For ten years New Mexico has been represented by a republican delegate, the president and both houses of congress have been republican and we are still a territory. No one should be deceived. We cannot expect statehood from the republican party. We may judge the future only by the past. With such a republican record before them all must agree that the democrats were justified in inserting in their platform recently at Roswell the following:

"We, therefore, charge that all declarations of the national republican party in favor of statehood for New Mexico are not sincere but made for the purpose of influencing territorial elections and we regretfully express as our profound conviction that New Mexico will never obtain statehood except at the hands of a national democratic administration."

It is admitted by all that the democratic party in the territory and in the nation favors statehood for New Mexico. Democratic platforms have for many years declared for it, democratic members of both houses of congress have almost without exception, when opportunity offered, voted for Mr. Bryan who for many years has publicly favored it.

Therefore, to all democrats and others who favor the national policies enunciated in the national democratic platform and personified in our leader William J. Bryan; to all who desire a change in the national administration and the disruption of the political trust in New Mexico; to all who desire statehood and home rule, I make this appeal. Let us show our interest in this national campaign by our assistance. We are without a voice, but we have some influence by our contributions. Let us raise a fund to be contributed to the national campaign. I call upon everyone who is interested to make a contribution. Let the amount be as liberal as you can afford, but in any event contribute something. A list of all contributors will be preserved and a copy forwarded to Mr. Bryan and also to the chairman of the national committee. Upon this list every one interested in the welfare of New Mexico should deem it an honor to have his name enrolled. Do not delay. Funds are needed now. Individuals may club their contributions for the purpose of making remittances, but I desire the name and post office address of each contributor. Please send all contributions to me at East Las Vegas.

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An Early Settler of Tom Green County Among Victors.

San Angelo Standard August 14.
W. G. Woerner, one of the earliest settlers of West Texas, who is now residing at Carlsbad, N. M., is in the city, shaking hands with old friends and acquaintances, and recalling to

memory reminiscences of by-gone days. He moved to Tom Green county in '82 and was in the sheep business for several years, after which he devoted his time to farming for a couple of years, and then moved to San Angelo in '86 and engaged in the restaurant business for six years. He left for Carlsbad N. M., in '92, and has been there ever since. He has invested in real estate and is one of the most successful business men in Carlsbad.

When Mr. Woerner went to San Angelo, the present metropolitan city of 15,000 inhabitants was then but a village of 200 residents. When he moved away six years later, the frontier town had reached the 2500 mark, and was still growing. One might think that he was surprised to see that his former home had attained such a growth in the past sixteen years as to now range with the leading cities of the state, but he states that he was not. He says that he has been reading the Standard every week since he left here and consequently had kept up with the times in San Angelo, and was prepared to see the thriving, prosperous Queen City.

Although Angelo is the city of his first love, Mr. Woerner is highly pleased with Carlsbad, which he says is the prettiest town in New Mexico. Within

the city limits there are twenty miles of shade trees, and the way in which the town is laid out is perfect. On both sides of each street in the city is an irrigation ditch, from which orchards, shade trees, gardens and flowers are irrigated. Carlsbad is a town of about three thousand population.

The country between Carlsbad and Monument, said Mr. Woerner, is becoming rapidly settled up by good citizens. That section four years ago contained fifty souls, and now the population is three thousand.

The country within a radius of 60 miles of Carlsbad is a farming belt as well as a stock raising country. There are now twenty thousand acres under irrigation from the Pecos, and already \$30,000 worth of cattle have been shipped from there this year, and there will probably be \$200,000 more worth of cattle shipped from that point this fall. Carlsbad, at present, has one railroad, and the prospects for another are bright.

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